

September 12, 2008

Ex Parte Notice

Marlene H. Dortch
Office of the Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: In the Matter of Amendment of Parts 2 and 25 of the Commission's Rules to Allocate Spectrum in the Ku- and Extended Ku-Bands to the Vehicle Mounted Earth Station Satellite Service ("VMES") on a Shared Primary Basis and to Adopt Licensing and Service Rules for VMES Operations in the Ku- and Extended Ku-Bands (IB Docket No.: 07-101)

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On September 11, 2008, Philip L. Verveer and the undersigned, counsel for General Dynamics Corporation, met with Mr. Charles Mathias, Legal Advisor to Chairman Martin. General Dynamics discussed the background of the VMES proceeding and reviewed the timeline of key regulatory/procedural events related thereto. General Dynamics expressed the view that in light of (i) circumstances previously described, *e.g.*, the needs of the U.S. military -- in particular, the Army and Marine Corps -- for mobile satellite communications capabilities, (ii) military procurement activities to occur in the near future, which would benefit from Commission guidance on VMES issues, (iii) the utility of VMES technology for limited non-military purposes, *e.g.*, emergency and natural disaster relief efforts, satellite news gathering, etc., and (iv) the fact that the VMES proceeding has been virtually free of controversy, it would be both appropriate and highly beneficial for the Commission to institute rules for VMES licensing and operations.

Should you have any questions regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/

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cc: Charles Mathias